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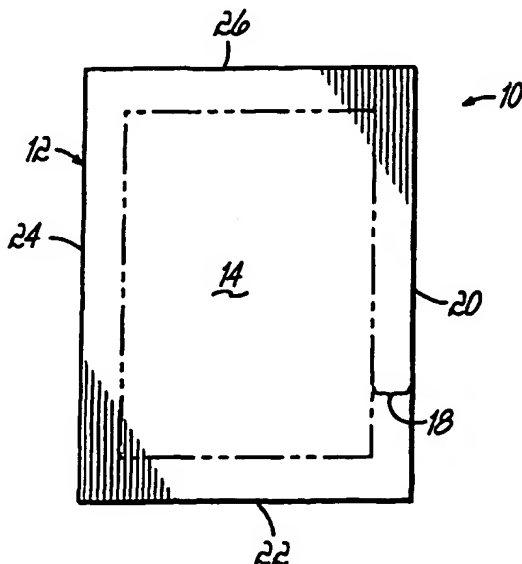
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(57) Abstract: Articles (10) for applying color on a surface that includes a sheet (12) of dry color compo-
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sheet surface opposite the front sheet surface, and an
adhesive (25) on the rear sheet surface for bonding the
sheet to the surface. Either the margin of the sheet or
the entire sheet is adapted for reducing or eliminat-
ing the visual perceptibility of the seam created when
the margin is positioned in an overlapping, abutting,
or spaced apart relationship with a margin of a juxta-
posed second article. The reduction or elimination of
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by a physical mechanism, a chemical mechanism, an
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